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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1,2,5-14

Device for taking a sample including lamina means

2. claims: 3,4

Device for taking a sample including a window means

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